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[1](#)1. (SBU) Embassy Canberra Assistant Air Attache LTC Michael Kram, who is Embassy Canberra's POC on reftel foreign operating rights request, contacted the Australian Department of Defence (ADOD) Australian Defence Space Coordination Office (DSCO) to engage in preliminary discussions on the planned MDA launch of two STSS satellites during the week of March 30. No issues were raised by DSCO at that time.

[1](#)2. (SBU) The Australian Department of Defence POC for the Foreign Operating Rights Request is WGCDR Jim Lewis, Deputy Director Defence Space Coordination Office, tel: 61-2-6127 0828, jim.lewis@defence.gov.au. Alternate POC is Squadron Leader Richard Harrison, Defence Space Coord 2, tel: 61-2-6266 5765, richard.harrison1@defence.gov.au.

[1](#)3. (SBU) Embassy is continuing to seek approval for the USAF teams to operate in Australia and will advice septel.

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